

RICHMOND COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

December 5, 2018 7:00 PM

Location: St. Peter's VFD Fire Hall, St. Peter's, NS

Present: Raymond Ferguson, Warden Jason MacLean, Councillor Brian Marchand, Blair Stone, Terence Terrio, Douglas Morrison, Sarah Morrison, Sargeant Darryl MacMullin RCMP, Kelvin MacKay, Darryl Johnson, Don McDonnell, Kent MacIntyre, Paul Nicholas, Zoe Nicholas

Departments Missing: Louisdale, L'Ardoise, West Bay Road, Isle Madame, Loch Lomond

Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and welcomed all in attendance. Introductions were made around the room.

Review of Minutes from the October 17, 2018 Meeting:

Minutes adopted. Moved by Councillor Marchand, seconded by Kelvin MacKay.

Items to add to agenda: Fire Services Review - Kent MacIntyre (CAO)
Moved by Councillor Marchand and seconded by Terrence Terrio to adopt agenda as amended.

Business Arising from the October 17, 2018 Meeting:

Discussion re paging system. Not reliable. Delays in receiving messages. Still no backup plan for dispatch. Government is being lobbied by FSANS to create a central dispatch.

Motion made by Blair Stone and 2nd by Kelvin MacKay to request that Council send a letter of support to FSANS to lobby for central dispatch.

New Business:

COURSES:

MFR courses were cancelled due to illness and weather. Some firefighters require the full course. Forward names to Raymond Ferguson so he can organize course.

Critical Incident Stress Management Team will visit individual Fire Departments if invited. Signs & Symptoms course was taken by Framboise Fourchu and thought it was a very good course. Pamphlet is located in the Fire Department Documents on the www.richmondcounty.ca website.

Contact Raymond with names. Spouses, tow truck drivers, public... anyone involved in a Critical Incident is welcome to attend.

NS Power Safety Course - Kelvin MacKay has attended this course and it is worth taking as even a refresher.

TMR II Course - Rodney LeBlanc from Isle Madame Volunteer Fire Department is organizing if there is interest. All welcome.

HAZMAT VS Vehicle Extrication were alternating. But Vehicle Extrication can be booked ahead if required.

WILD LAND FIRE course will be held in spring. Department to book on their own.

WORKERS COMP: FSANS wants to know which departments are currently covered by Workers Comp. Carla to check with Jason Martell.

OFFICE OF FIRE MARSHALL - new deputy (Martin Page) was appointed which give a full complement for this area.

UPDATES FROM RAYMOND FERGUSON:

Fire Coordinators within the province meet on regular basis. Hot item is Central Dispatch. Met with Minister of Internal Services. Requested service comparable to Ambulance and RCMP dispatch.

Natural Resources is now called NS Lands & Forestry. Raymond to invite Lloyd to meetings.

EHS - -All AEDs are being replaced across the province. 50 units have been replaced so far. Louisdale, IM and L'Ardoise are next.

- All ambulances have been switched over.

- Extra Large blood pressure cuffs are being sent to all departments.

- There is a new paramedic in the area who can facilitate courses.

- List of courses taken already with expire dates is available on the EHS website. Login with badge #. Call Jill Burke to arrange.

Re-Registration forms must be filled out yearly. The form is on the www.richmondcounty.ca website under SERVICES>FIRE DEPARTMENTS> documents. Please download and return to Raymond Ferguson.

----- Sargeant MacMullin discussed having a mock accident scenario at the highschool in the spring. In the fall, Fire trucks, ambulance and RCMP car were at Ecole Beauport. Lifeflight was supposed to come as well but weather was not great.

Items added to the agenda:

Discussion with Kent MacIntyre re Provincial Fire Services Review

Consultant hired by province in 2017. Concluded that Fire Services are delivered different across the province. Looking for recommendations to standardize and have consistency across Fire Departments.

Municipality will be meeting with fire departments to discuss further.

Next Meeting: January 23, 2019

Adjournment:

There being no further business Terence Terrio moved that the meeting be adjourned, Kelvin MacKay seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.